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SUBJECT: SOVIET PRESS SUMMARY FEBRUARY 15

1. USSR-UK TALKS. SPEECHED BY BREZHNEV AND PRIME MINISTER WILSON FEBRUARY 14 REPORTS ON SOVIET-UK TALKS ARE LEAD ITEMS IN ALL MAJOR PAPERS. IZVESTIYA RAN TWO FIRST-PAGE PICTURES OF A HEALTHY-LOOKING AND SOMEWHAT HEAVIER-FACED BREZHNEV, AND PRAVDA AND RED STAR RAN ONE.

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2. CYPRUS. PRESS HAS NO DIRECT COMMENT ON THE CYPRUS SITUATION,

BUT PRAVDA CARRIES SEVERAL FOREIGN ITEMS ON REACTIONS BY GREEK, TURKISH AND CYPRIOT SPOKESMEN. NICOSIA-DATELINED TASS STORY REPORTS THAT MAKARIOS HAS SAID THE INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS CANNOT CONTINUE UNDER THE EXISTING CONDITIONS AND THE CYPRIOT GOVERNMENT WILL APPEAL TO THE UNSC. REPORTS FROM NICOSIA AND ATHENS REPORT GREEK AND CYPRIOT COMMUNIST PARTIES HAVE CONDEMNED THE TURKISH-CYPRIOT MOVE TO DECLARE A SEPARATE FEDERATED STATE. NICOSIA STORY REPORTS THAT AKEL ISSUED A FORMAL STATEMENT CLAIMING THE TURKISH-CYPRIOT ACTION IS PART OF A BROAD PLAN OF WORLD IMPERIALISM AND NATO'S REACTIONARY CIRCLES TO PARTITION THE ISLAND AND CONVERT CYPRUS INTO A NATO NUCLEAR ROCKET BASE. FROM ATHENS TASS REPORT THAT FOREIGN MINISTER BITSIOS HAS POSTPONED HIS MEETING WITH THE SECRETARY AND THAT PRIME MINISTER KARAMANLIS CHARACTERISED THE TURKISH CYPRIOT ACTION AS ARBITRARY AND ILLEGAL. TURKISH REACTION IS REPORTED FROM ANKARA (TASS) BY REPLAYING PRIME MINISTER IRMAK'S STATEMENT DENYING THAT THE TURKISH-CYPRIOT MOVE IS AIMED AT PARTITION OF CYPRUS. ON U.S. RESPONSE TO THE TURKISH CYPRIOT MOVE, WASHINGTON-DATELINED TASS STORY REPLAYS DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN'S CALL FOR RESUMPTION OF THE INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS AND AFFIRMATION OF U.S. RECOGNITION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF CYPRUS. SOVIET PAPERS DO NOT MENTION THE SECRETARY'S LATER STATEMENTS OR TASS DIRECTOR ZAMYATIN'S REMARKS ON CYPRUS AT A FEBRUARY 14 PRESS CONFERENCE ON THE WILSON VISIT.

3. U.S. FOREIGN. PRAVDA (TASS) REPORT ON PRESIDENT FORD'S ADDRESS IN NEW YORK EMPHASIZES HIS REMARKS ABOUT CONGRESSIONAL INVOLVEMENT IN FOREIGN POLICY. ARTICLE REPORTS PRESIDENT SAID CONGRESS IS HINDERING THE CONDUCT OF FOREIGN POLICY AND QUOTES HIM THAT SUCH ACTIONS CAN BRING U.S. FOREIGN POLICY TO A DEAD END. TASS NOTES THE PRESIDENT USED THE TRADE ACT'S DISCRIMINATORY PROVISIONS AGAINST THE USSR AND OPEC MEMBERS AS EXAMPLES OF NEGATIVE CONGRESSIONAL ACTION.

4. PRAVDA CARRIES TASS ANNOUNCEMENT OF JOINT U.S.-USSR WORKING GROUP MEETING ON ECONOMIC COOPERATION. SEPARATE ARTICLE FROM NEW YORK PROVIDES A LENGTHY WRAPUP ON THE CONCLUSION OF MEETINGS IN THE U.S. OF SOVIET AND AMERICAN SPACE EXPERTS. ISZESTIYA COVERAGE IS DEVOTED TO DETENTE AND ITS ENEMIES IN THE U.S. ARTICLE UNCLASSIFIED

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BY MATVEYEV TAKES WILLIAM BUCKLEY TO TASK FOR HIS SELF-PROFESSED POSITION AS A "COLD WARRIOR" AND COMMENTS THAT THIS SPECTACLE IS NOT "ATTRACTIVE." BOOK REVIEW BY OSIPOV RECOMMENDS (WITH ADMONITION TO KNOW THINE ENEMY) RECENT WORK BY DEFENSE MINISTRY OFFICIAL PYADYSHEV WHICH EXPLORES THE PENTAGON'S ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL POWER. REVIEW EMPHASIZES THAT PENTAGON MUST BE STUDIED AS BIGGEST U.S. CORPORATION WITH CONTROL OVER THE LIVES OF

EVERY SIXTH AMERICAN FAMILY. PRAVDA ALSO REPORTS
PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT'S PROTEST ABOUT INVOLVEMENT BY U.S.
MILITARY PERSONNEL AT SUBIC BAY IN SUGAR SMUGGLING AND
SPECULATION.

5. MIDDLE EAST. MIDDLE EAST RECEIVES LITTLE ATTENTION.
SMALL ROUTINE ITEM IN PRAVDA REPORTS ANOTHER ISRAELI INCURSION
INTO SOUTHERN LEBANON. TASS ARTICLE FROM ROME REPORTS THAT
A MEETING OF THE ISRAELI COMMITTEE FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE
IN THE MIDDLE EAST IN TEL AVIV HAS CALLED FOR RECONVENING
THE MEPC, PLO PARTICIPATION IN THE GENEVA CONFERENCE, AND
ISRAELI EVACUATION OF ARAB LANDS OCCUPIED IN 1967.
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